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wherein the acid comprises 10 to 100 moles based on the total monomer unit of the polymer;

wherein the cleansing processing agent further comprises an inorganic pigment; and

wherein the polymer is pulverized before the hydrophilic groups are added by the acid or alkali.

Remarks

Pending were claims 1 to 19, of which claims 1, 10, and 19 were independent. Due to a restriction, claims 1 to 9, and 19 were divided out. Claims 10 to 18 were pending and new claims 20 to 24 were added. Now claims 1 to 24 are canceled in favor of new claims 25 to 41, of which claims 25 and 41 are independent.

The independent claims as now amended are not anticipated by the cited art. None teach the ionic group derived from the reaction of the acid/alkali with the resin. The prior also fails to teach the adsorption of the heavy metals in the effluent. Also, none of the prior art teaches the mole concentrations recited.

The applicant notes that none of the cited art may be combined in the now claimed fashion. There is no teaching of every claimed element in the art nor any suggestion or motivation to combine the disparate pieces of art to arrive at the claimed invention.

The applicant also notes that the Examiner 15 pieces of art that allegedly render the then claimed invention obvious. The Examiner failed to identify how any one particular piece of art can be combined with another. That is, the rejection was simply based on the naked recitation of 15 pieces of art with no adequate discussion of any one particular piece and how that piece can be combined with others. The burden is squarely on the Office to show precisely how the art applies by actual evidence and specific showings. While admirable that the 15 pieces of art were

Conclusion

The applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections and believes that the claims as presented represent allowable subject matter. But if the Examiner desires, the applicant is ready for a telephone interview to expedite prosecution. As always, the Examiner is free to call the undersigned at 312-876-2622. The Examiner's attention is also drawn to the new correspondence address.

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